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Adjournment:	Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:22 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5439.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, after receiving testimony from Robert Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, who was introduced by Senators Shelby and Inhofe, and Martin J. Oberman, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, who was introduced by Representatives Quigley and Lipinski, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Justin George Muzinich, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, and Michael J. Desmond, of California, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel, both of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

IMPROVING TAX ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight concluded a hearing to examine im-

proving tax administration today, after receiving testimony from Phyllis Jo Kubey, Member, Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council, on behalf of the National Association of Enrolled Agents, Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service, and John Sapp, Chair, Internal Revenue Service Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee, all of the Department of the Treasury; and Caroline Bruckner, American University Kogod School of Business, and Rebecca Thompson, Prosperity Now, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1023, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2021, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1580, to enhance the transparency, improve the coordination, and intensify the impact of assistance to support access to primary and secondary education for displaced children and persons, including women and girls, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3248, to restrict the provision by international financial institutions of loans and financial and technical assistance to the Government of Turkey;

S. Res. 501, recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the Government of the United States to promote democracy and good governance, with amendments;

S. Res. 541, expressing the sense of the Senate that any United States-Saudi Arabia civilian nuclear cooperation agreement must prohibit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from enriching uranium or separating plutonium on its own territory, in keeping with the strongest possible nonproliferation "gold standard", with amendments;

S. Res. 571, condemning the ongoing illegal occupation of Crimea by the Russian Federation, with amendments; and

The nominations of Joseph Cella, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, Denise Natali, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), and Kimberly Breier, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Western Hemisphere Affairs), all of the Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

PROPOSED OPM AND GSA REORGANIZATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine the challenges and opportunities of the proposed government reorganization on Office of Personnel Management and General Services Administration, after receiving testimony from Emily W. Murphy, Administrator, General Services Administration; and Jeff T. H. Pon, Director, Office of Personnel Management.

MODERNIZING APPRENTICESHIPS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine modern-

izing apprenticeships to expand opportunities, after receiving testimony from Montez King, National Institute for Metalworking Skills, Fairfax, Virginia; Mike Holland, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., and Glenn Johnson, BASF Corporation, both of Houston, Texas; and Sandi Vito, 1199SEIU Training and Employment Funds, New York, New York.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 99 public bills, H.R. 6539–6637; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 137; H. Con. Res. 130–132; and H. Res. 1033–1038 were introduced. **Pages H7720–25**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7728–29**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Pramila Jayapal (H. Rept. 115–876); and

H. Res. 1005, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the border security policies, procedures, and activities as such relate to the interdiction of families by the U.S. Border Patrol between ports of entry; adversely (H. Rept. 115–877). **Page H7720**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Curtis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7691**

John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a yea-and-nay vote of 359 yeas to 54 nays, Roll No. 379. **Pages H7699–H7709**

H. Res. 1027, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R.

5515) was agreed to without objection, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 378. Pursuant to Section 3 of H. Res. 1027, H. Res. 1020 was laid on the table. **Pages H7693–99**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourns to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, July 27th. **Page H7709**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7709.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7699 and H7708–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MACRA AND MIPS: AN UPDATE ON THE MERIT-BASED INCENTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “MACRA and MIPS: An Update on the Merit-based Incentive Payment System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.